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NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK REMINDER

Don't forget about National School Breakfast Week on March 5-9, 2012.

To help promote your "School Breakfast - Go for the Gold" campaign visit the School Nutrition Association (SNA) Web site at: http://www.schoolnutrition.org/Level2_NSB_W2012.aspx?id=15458 for tools and resources as well as menu ideas.

Did you know...that in 1991, President George H. W. Bush proclaimed March 4-10 as National School Breakfast Week? The proclamation (6258) credited the School Breakfast Program for helping promote health and well being for America's school children. While the proclamation pertained only to the year it was issued, the first week in March is unofficially observed as time to honor the contributions of School Breakfast Programs to America's children.

2013 USDA FOODS ORDERS UPDATE

The USDA Foods orders have been completed and the OPI Food Distribution Office is working on tabulating the final quantities. Refried Beans, Frozen Carrots, Whole Grain Pancakes, Frozen Peas, Sweet Potatoes, Tomato Paste, Whole Grain Tortillas and Turkey Hams were cut from the order list

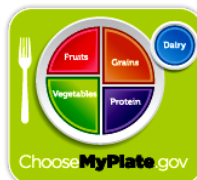
because quantities for these products were too small to purchase a truckload. The following USDA Foods for further processing and their companies were also removed because requests were too low.

Beef - Advance
Cheese - Land O'Lakes
Eggs - Cargill Sunny Fresh
Eggs - Michaels
Pork - Advance
Pork - JTM
Tomato Paste - Red Gold

A few other companies had low requests but an attempt will be made to find other states that may need help filling their trucks.

The orders for the items listed will be deleted so that schools can use those entitlement dollars to purchase other products.

USDA'S SCHOOL MEAL PATTERN FINAL REGULATION



The USDA has the following resources on the New Meal Pattern Regulation recently released by the USDA. These resources will be updated periodically as more information on the new requirements becomes available.

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Regulation

- Final Rule: Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs (January 26, 2012)
- Press Release
- School Meals Sample Menu (PDF) (JPG)
- Final Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Rule

Technical Assistance and Guidance Materials

- New Meal Patterns and Dietary Specifications
- Implementation Timeline
- Comparison of Current and New Regulatory Requirements
- Policy Memo SP 10-2012: Questions and Answers on the Final Rule "Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs"
- Sodium Reduction: Timeline and Amount

To view these resources go to <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/ Legislation/nutritionstandards.htm>.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Can you solve these riddles?

1. You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat?
2. Cucumbers, carrots, onions, tomatoes, and peas - which one does not belong?

AVAILABLE USDA FOODS

Following is the list of USDA Foods that are still available. Due to some cancellations this list updates the list that was sent last month. If you can use any of these items send your request by e-mail to juwilson@mt.gov.

5	Ground Beef	\$99.75
1	Charbroiled Beef Patties	\$81.24
1	Cheese, Slc	\$51.74
9	Cheese Mozz Lite	\$57.36
181	Cheese Mozz LMPS	\$51.64
3	Diced Chicken	\$98.60
226	Flour WW	\$ 9.64
379	Pancakes Whole Grain	\$10.30
4	Peach Cups	\$23.16
354	Peanut Butter	\$23.35
4	Potatoes, Oven Fries	\$12.25
13	Potato Rounds	\$69.70
167	Spaghetti Sauce	\$12.34
658	Spaghetti Whole Grain	\$ 7.85
1	Tomato Paste	\$22.80
18	Tomato Sauce	\$ 11.98
45	Tortillas Whole Grain	\$ 0.00

Go to the OPI School Nutrition Web page at http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html#gpm1_2 for a list of updated remaining entitlement balances.



Riddle Answers: 1. An ear of corn or chicken 2. Tomatoes are fruit

